

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

August 18, 2020

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2020-172-E

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2020-172-E - Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated - Request to Continue and Extend Prior Approved Nuclear Outage Accrual Mechanism to V.C. Summer Nuclear Station Refueling Outage No. 26 (This Filing Does Not Involve Any Change to the Retail Electric Base Rates or Natural Gas Base Rates) - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's Request to Continue and Extend Prior Approved Nuclear Outage Accrual Mechanism to V.C. Summer Nuclear Station Refueling Outage No. 26.

COMMISSION ACTION:

In SCE&G's last rate case in Docket No. 2012-218-E, the Commission ordered the Company to establish a Nuclear Refueling Outage Accrual Mechanism for outages 21 – 25 which spanned the next 90 months (7.5 years). The order provided that any over-collected or under-collected balance in the account would be carried forward with carrying costs from one outage to another. According to Dominion's (Formerly SCE&G) filing of July 27, 2020, the Nuclear Refueling Outage Accrual Mechanism will have expired on June 30, 2020, pursuant to the accrual time period authorized by Order No. 2012- 951.

In the petition, the Company states that they will request an extension of the Nuclear Refueling Outage Accrual Mechanism through Refueling Outage No. 30 in the next rate case. Until then, they will need an extension from the expiration date of June 30, 2020 to the date of the order in the next proceeding. Currently, Dominion has accrued \$128.9 million at a levelized annual charge of \$17,188,807, and its actual costs were \$132.1 million for refueling outages 21-25 with a current under-collected balance in the Accrual Mechanism Account of \$3.2 million.

Dominion states that as a part of its forthcoming electric base rate proceeding in Docket No. 2020-125-E, the Company will ask the Commission to extend the Accrual Mechanism through Refueling Outage No. 30. The Company further states that it will provide information about its planned expenses for Refueling Outages Nos. 26-30 and will ask the Commission to reset the monthly accrual to reflect that amount as well as the \$3.2 million under-collection carried from the existing accrual.

The Office of Regulatory Staff has reviewed this matter and does not object to the request subject to addressing the reasonableness of the under-collected costs at the forthcoming rate base proceeding.

Move to allow the Company to apply the Nuclear Refueling Outage Accrual Mechanism, nunc pro tunc, as of June 30, 2020, as established in Order No. 2012-951 and to (a) recognize a levelized nuclear refueling outage expense of \$1,432,401 per month, and (b) record that amount and the expenses incurred in Refueling Outage No. 26 to that account. While the Accrual Mechanism will not immediately impact rates, parties will not be precluded from addressing these costs at either a forthcoming rates proceeding or a future fuel proceeding.

PRESIDING: Randall

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER	
BELSER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		voting via videoconference
ERVIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		voting via videoconference
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		voting via videoconference
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Absent</u>	Sick Leave
RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		voting via videoconference
WHITFIELD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		voting via videoconference
WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Absent</u>	Military Leave

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

